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2246	12/6/56	N.Y. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	2	0	Bu File 101-2483
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2248	12/6/56	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2249	12/6/56	SA Memo TO SAC N.Y.	2	0	
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2251	12/11/56	SA memo TO SAC N.Y.	2	2	
2252	12/12/56	SA memo TO SAC N.Y.	6	0	
2253	12/13/56	H.Q. memo TO N.Y.	1	1	
2254	12/13/56	S.D. REPORT TO H.Q.	18	15	
2255	12/13/56	SA memo TO SAC N.Y.	7	0	N.Y. File 100-37158
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2257	12/14/56	N.H. LETTER TO N.Y.	2	0	

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2258	12/18/56	N.H. LETTER TO N.Y.	1	1	
2259	12/18/56	N.Y. LETTER TO H.Q.	1	1	
2260	12/18/56	SA MEMO TO SAC N.Y.	1	1	
2261	12/19/56	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1	
2262	12/19/56	SA MEMO TO SAC N.Y.	6	0	N.Y. FILE 100-37158-1802
2263	12/20/56	LA REPORT TO H.Q.	28	17	
2264	12/26/56	SA MEMO TO SAC S.U.	3	1	Process F1268 <del>N.Y. FILE 100-32158</del>
2265	12/28/56	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2266	12/31/56	SA MEMO TO SAC S.U.	2	2	
2267	12/31/56	SA MEMO TO SAC S.U.	4	4	
2268	1/4/57	SA MEMO TO SAC N.H.	4	3	
2269	1/7/57	SA MEMO TO SAC N.Y.	4	4	



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2270	11/9/56	SUPV. MEMO TO SAC	1	0	
2271	11/16/56	N.Y. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2272	12/27/56	N.Y. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1	
2273	1/17/57	CONSOLIDATION OF FILES SLIP	1	1	
2274	1/7/57	SA MEMO TO SAC S.L.	3	3	
2275	1/7/57	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2276	1/7/57	SA MEMO TO SAC N.H.	3	3	
2277	1/9/57	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2278	1/9/57	DENVER REPORT TO HQ	9	8	
2279	1/9/57	SA MEMO TO SAC NH	2	2	
2280	1/16/57	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2281	1/16/57	SA MEMO TO SAC NY	1	0	

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2282	1/16/57	SA memo TO SAC, SL	2	0	
2282A	1/16/57	LETTER SAC AL TO SAC NK.	1	1	
2283	1/18/57	AL, REPORT TO H.Q.	20	0	BUFILE 65-58236
2283A	1/18/57	SA memo TO SAC L.A.	2	0	
2284	1/18/57	SA memo TO SAC L.A.	2	0	
2285	1/21/57	SA memo TO SAC N.Y.	1	1	
2286	1/21/57	SA memo TO SAC N.K.	3	0	N.Y. File 100-109949
2287	1/22/57	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1	
2288	1/22/57	S.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1	
2289	1/22/57	SA memo TO SAC SL	3	3	
2290	1/23/57	SA memo TO SAC SL	3	3	
2291	1/24/57	N.Y. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	1	

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2293	1/24/57	SA memo TO SAC S.D.	2	0	N.Y. File 100-109849
2294	1/25/57	SA memo TO SAC S.L.	4	4	
2295	1/25/57	WFO AIRTEL TO H.Q.	3	3	
2296	1/28/57	H.Q. LETTER TO DN	1	1	
2297	1/28/57	A.L. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	
2298	1/29/57	SE REPORT TO H.Q.	4	4	
2299	1/31/57	L.S. AIRTEL TO H.Q.	1	0	





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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Boardman	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Winterrowd	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Holloman	
Miss Gandy	

**NEWARK (100-423412)**

**DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-95)**

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, [redacted] furnished SA HERBERT L. BLOM and SA LYNN G. TWINE with a written report concerning a meeting which he attended at the home of MORTON STAVIS, a UE Attorney and Key Figure, Elizabeth, N.J., on 11/24/56. The purpose of this meeting was to raise funds for MORTON SOBELL and had been planned and organized by a group of persons in Union County, many of whom are Newark Security Subjects and some of whom are either former Security Index Subjects or current Security Index Subjects. There were 28 persons present. The main speaker at this meeting was YURI SUHL, of the SOBELL Committee, New York. His topic was "The Prisoner on Your Conscience - MORTON SOBELL."

The informant reported that YURI SUHL in his speech made numerous statements attacking the FBI and the Justice Department in the handling of the SOBELL case.

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- 3 - Bufile 100-3-95 (CP, USA, DISTRICT 14, ATTACKS ON THE FBI)
- 1 - [redacted] 67D
- 1 - Bufile 100-357835 (NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN ROSENBERG CASE)

① New York (Info) (100-107111) (REGISTERED MAIL)

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YURI SUHL stated that HELEN SOBELL, while on the West Coast to visit her husband in Alcatraz, stays with friends and attends meetings in homes to explain her husband's plight and to raise funds.

One of the points she discusses deals with new evidence uncovered to be presented at a hearing for a new trial, December 5, at Foley Square. SUHL said a brief would be presented showing that MORTON SOBELL was kidnapped from Mexico and framed by the Justice Department. He said that MORTON SOBELL and his wife left the United States for Mexico on a vacation in June, 1950, and that they had purchased a round-trip ticket on American Airlines, that he carried his Social Security Card in his own name, a membership card of the New York Academy of Sciences, and that at the border he declared a camera he had with him so he would not have to pay duty on it when he returned to America. This, he said, is proof that SOBELL was not fleeing the country as proclaimed in the headlines and as the Justice Department had charged.

What actually had happened, he said, was that MORTON SOBELL had been kidnapped by FBI Agents. He said SOBELL had rented an apartment for which he had a rent slip, and that when he saw the headlines about ROSENBERG, he panicked like many people did during the MC CARTHY hysteria. He tried to get another apartment under another name and tried to get information about another job somewhere outside of the USA under another name because he knew he would be prosecuted because he was a classmate of ROSENBERG. It was at that time that the FBI Agents broke into his apartment, told him he was JOHN JONES, that he had held up a bank and stolen \$15,000, and hit him over the head when he protested and wanted to contact the American Consul in Mexico and was dragged out of the apartment and rushed by automobile to the border. When over the border, he was told to sign a statement that later turned up in court stating that he was deported from Mexico, although the statement originally did not so indicate. SUHL said that during the

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testimony at the trial, the Customs Agent admitted he had put "deported" on the statement after SOBELL had signed the statement inasmuch as he had assumed that SOBELL was deported from Mexico.

SUHL stated that in the meantime HELEN SOBELL stayed in the apartment with other Agents while they ransacked the place. They then took her in another car and drove to the border without stopping despite Mrs. SOBELL's pleas to stop for milk for the baby. When she asked what this was all about, the Agents told her everything would be all right if she cooperated with them. She asked, "Cooperate about what?", to which the Agents replied that she knew what it was about. According to SUHL, Mrs. SOBELL said that despite her pleas, the Agents would not tell her anything.

SUHL stated that it took many months before SOBELL was brought to trial and that all the appeals by SOBELL's lawyers were turned down when they wanted to know what the charges were in order that they could prepare for the trial. Finally, two weeks before the trial they were told that he was being charged with espionage.

When SOBELL came up for trial, he was amazed as was his wife to see ELITCHER. The SOBELLs thought he was a friend inasmuch as he had helped them financially by buying their furniture when they needed money for their lawyers. They were shocked when he testified against SOBELL. SUHL said that ELITCHER admitted on the stand that he had perjured himself when he had applied for a Government job and denied he belonged to the CP, of which he actually was a member. Therefore, ELITCHER was afraid and had to cooperate with the Government in order to get off easy inasmuch as they threatened to throw the book at him. It was the perjured testimony that convicted SOBELL inasmuch as the judge in charging the jury had said the jury must either believe ELITCHER's testimony or let SOBELL go free.



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SUHL also said that during the trial the Government lawyers were a party to the frame-up inasmuch as they knew SOBELL was kidnapped from Mexico. ROY COHN was one of the lawyers. SUHL also said that they announced that Dr. URKY, Atomic Scientist, and other Atomic Scientists would be present at the trial in order to give the impression that they were there to back up the Government's case but that these scientists did not know that they were being used.

According to SUHL, Dr. URKY at a fund-raising dinner for SOBELL had stated that SOBELL was framed, that he deserved a new trial, and by a diagram, showed that SOBELL could not have been engaged in espionage. Also, that the ROSENBERGS were innocent and if anyone was engaged in espionage, it was GREENGLASS.

SUHL said that the ROSENBERG case was discussed at two Presidential Cabinet meetings as a result of 3,000,000 letters and telegrams to the White House protesting the ROSENBERG trial. SUHL said that J. EDGAR HOOVER, Head of the FBI, had tried to minimize the amount in a magazine article by saying that only 600,000 persons had protested and that he was amazed that that many people had sympathized with the ROSENBERGS.

SUHL went on to state that HELEN SOBELL, while visiting her husband, was telling him what was being done to secure a new trial for him. SUHL said he was sure that HELEN SOBELL was telling him that many meetings like this one were being held all over the country and that at this moment while he, SUHL, was speaking, SOBELL's mother was speaking at another meeting in Syracuse, New York. Money is being raised and many people are coming out to meetings because the MC CARTHY Era is a thing of the past. Mrs. HELEN SOBELL is probably also telling him of the many meetings at which she speaks in order to bring in money.

SUHL also stated that they have a statement from the Mexican Government that SOBELL was never deported from Mexico.



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He also said that he had two copies of the petition which will be presented at the hearing. These copies, he said, contain photostats of the above Mexican statement and the credentials that NOBLE carried with him.

It is noted that the above information was further corroborated on [REDACTED] who furnished substantially the same information, b7D

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (#7-2) DATE:  
FROM: SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO (#7-2)  
SUBJECT: SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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On 11/28/56, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Chemical Corn Exchange Bank, Unit B, 49 Fulton Street, NYC, made available to the writer, on a confidential basis, the bank records concerning the above captioned account. A review of the records for the month of November, 1956, reflected the following items considered pertinent: **67D**

CHECK NO.	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	BANK OF DEPOSIT AND OR INDORSER
835	10/19/56	HAVEN PERKINS	\$64.60	Manchester Bank, St. Louis, Missouri (salary)
838	10/29/56	HAVEN PERKINS	\$64.60	Manchester Bank
848	11/9/56	Donner, Kinoy and Perlin	\$300.00	Chase Manhattan Bank
852	11/20/56	Cash	\$100.00	TED JACOB Chemical Corn Exchange Bank 20th Street Branch Cashed 11/20/56
849	11/22/56	Cash	\$30.00	WILLIAM UREY Chase Manhattan Bank
855	11/21/56	Cash	\$15.00	TED JACOBS Chemical Corn Exchange Bank Cashed 11/21/56

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CHECK NO.	DATE	PAYEE	AMOUNT	BANK OF DEPOSIT AND OR INDORSER
854	11/23/56	Payable to Cash	\$15.00	TED JACOBS Chemical Corn Exchange Bank 20th Street Branch Cashed 11/23/56
853	11/20/56	National Guardian	\$50.00	Amalgamated Bank

The balance of the account as of 11/27/56 was \$291.89.

The above information is not to be made public without the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena. It is noted that the above source no longer has custody of the basic document from which the above information was obtained.



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TO : SAC, New York (100-107111)

DATE: December 13, 1956

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FROM : Director, FBI (100-387835)

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Bufiles fail to reflect the submission of the requested Photostats mentioned in reairtel. Furnish by return letter the desired Photostats if this data has not been previously furnished the Bureau.

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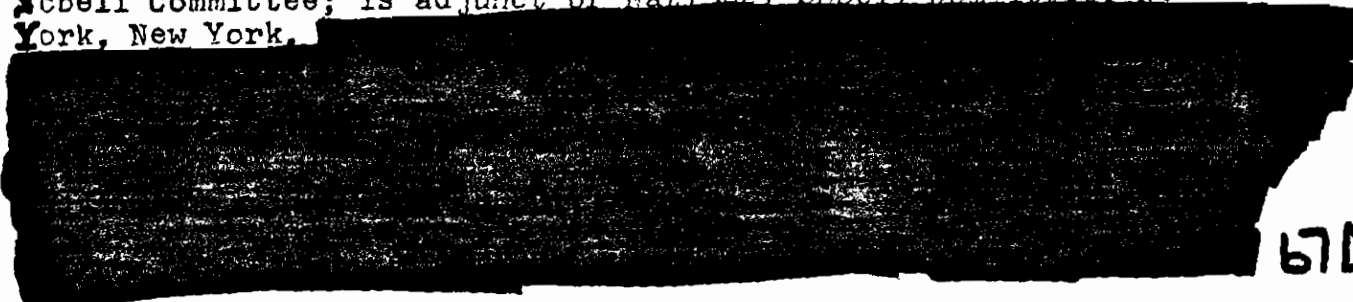
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TITLE OF CASE <b>SAN DIEGO SOBELL COMMITTEE, aka</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>RUSSELL P. CURTIS</b>	TYPED BY <b>amg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	

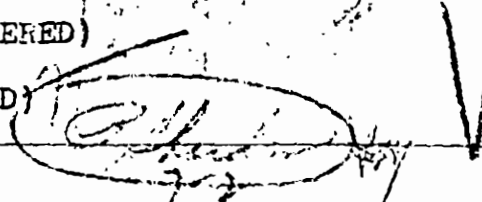
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DETAILS:

I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION  
OF HEADQUARTERS

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the San Diego Sobell Committee (SDSC) was also known as the MORTON SOBELL Defense Committee, Sobell Defense Committee, and San Diego Committee to Secure Justice For MORTON SOBELL. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that as of that date, SDSC had no physical headquarters, but met in the homes of various members. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] the SDSC had cancelled post office box 712, La Mesa, California, and that 6915 Wisconsin Street, La Mesa, the residence address of PAT GREEN, was being used as the SDSC mailing address. b7D

[REDACTED] that [REDACTED] PATRICIA GREEN (PAT GREEN) was an active member of the Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF). b7D

II. SCOPE AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised DAN GREEN was treasurer of the CUP [REDACTED]

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The Communist Party, USA, (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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NORMAN LLOYD HAMLIN, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) at San Diego, California, [REDACTED]

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HAMLIN testified that ne

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was assigned to the Special Club of the CP in 1946 and that later this was known as the Professional Club and then as the MORGAN HULL Club. He stated that MILTON HENRY LESSNER was a member of the Special Club of the CP "for quite a period of time" and that club meetings were held at LESSNER'S home "quite often."

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MALCOLM SHARP, professor of law at University of Chicago, is advisor to the University Communist Club, - HCUA report August 25, 1956, "Trial by Treason," page 52. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG are convicted atom spies, - California Committee on Un-American Activities, Committee Report 1953, page 282.

JOHN WEXLEY is a Communist author and screen writer, - HCUA report, August 25, 1956, "Trial by Treason."

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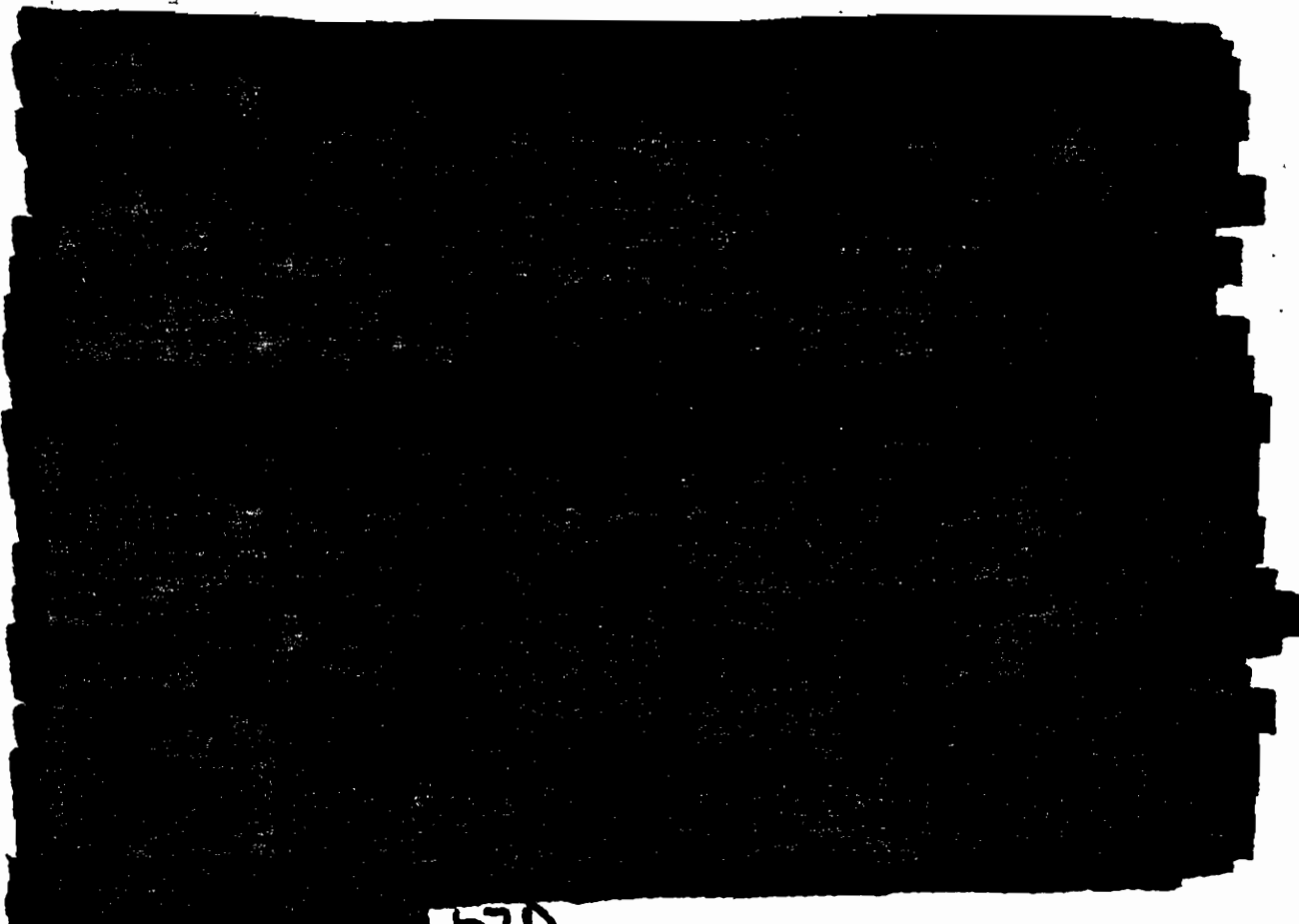
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HELEN GUREWITZ (Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP, Washington, D. C., identified



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The CPA has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted in U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. On April 5, 1951, he was sentenced to thirty years imprisonment; he is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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On April 23, 1956, the United States Supreme Court refused to consider the case of Dr. HARRY C. STEINMETZ who was dismissed from employment at San Diego State College on February 4, 1954 for failure to answer questions concerning CP membership at the California State Board of Education hearing, January 28, 1954 under the Luckel Act.

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [REDACTED] MIRIAM STARCEVIC was a CP member. b7D

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The "Aztec," a newspaper published at San Diego State College, issue of February 19, 1954, identified ANNA KORDA (LESSNER) as secretary of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee.

On April 20, 1954, MILDRED BERMAN testified before the HCUA at San Diego, California, that she was a CP member at San Diego from 1941 to 1945 while furnishing information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

[REDACTED] She testified that OBED "WHITEY" ROSEN was a member of the CP during the time she, Mrs. BERMAN, was in the party. b7D

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APPENDIX

BILL OF RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMITTEE, aka  
Committee to Defend the Bill of Rights

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] advised

that this committee was formed [REDACTED] by CP members and sympathizers to aid in the defense of those individuals subpoenaed to appear at the hearings of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA), which were held in San Diego, California, in April, 1954. This committee was also active in the defense of Dr. HARRY C. STEINMETZ, San Diego State College Professor, dismissed for refusal to answer questions regarding his CP affiliations, and in the defense of PAUL SLEETH, CP member, who was arrested for obstructing traffic while passing out literature of this committee. [REDACTED] subsequently advised [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] this organization no longer existed, but that while it did, its activities and policies were dictated by the CP in the San Diego, California area. b7D

COMMUNITY UNITARIAN FELLOWSHIP  
OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the Community Unitarian Fellowship (CUF) of San Diego County, California, was formed as the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice and was affiliated with the First Unitarian Church in San Diego, California, [REDACTED]. It withdrew from the First Unitarian Church [REDACTED] because of policy disputes with the church and changed its name to Community Unitarian Fellowship. **b7D**

[REDACTED] a Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, speeches and debates following the CP line were sponsored by the CUF and that officers were former Independent Progressive Party (IPP) members and CP sympathizers. **b7D**

[REDACTED] another Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that as of that date, the CUF continued to sponsor speeches following the CP line. **b7D**

The Independent Progressive Party (IPP) was cited by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 Report as "Among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination".

THE LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [REDACTED] that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL, also known as the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in The Rosenberg Case. The avowed purpose of this committee [REDACTED] was to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz Prison, to secure for him a new trial, and to eventually secure complete release. From its inception, the committee has been controlled and dominated by the Los Angeles Communist Party through their assignment of Communist Party members to work within the organization. **b7D**

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

"NATIONAL GUARDIAN";  
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED

The 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication, launched in New York in 1948 aiming at national circulation, which it found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content. (1949 report of the California Senate Fact Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, page 394.)

The masthead of the "National Guardian", issue of May 14, 1956, reflects that it is published weekly by Weekly Guardian Associates, Incorporated, 197 East 4th Street, New York City.

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THE NATIONAL SOBELL COMMITTEE

The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case (NCSJRC), aka. National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the Rosenberg Case, National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, National Sobell Committee, maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mail box servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG and MORTON SOBELL were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, on March 29, 1951, of conspiracy to commit espionage on behalf of the Soviet Union. The ROSENBERGS were sentenced to death on April 5, 1951, and MORTON SOBELL to 30 years imprisonment on the same date. JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were legally executed at Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, New York, on June 19, 1953, and MORTON SOBELL is currently serving his sentence at the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California.

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[REDACTED] that the NCSJRC (National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case) was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS. b7D

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [REDACTED] that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the ROSENBERG case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee. b7D

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AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA:

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A copy of this report has been sent to New York since it contains information concerning the National Sobell Committee.

A copy of this report has been sent to Los Angeles since it contains information concerning WIDGE NEWMAN of the Los Angeles Sobell Committee.

REFERENCES

Report of SA RUSSELL P. CURTIS dated 10/15/56 at San Diego.  
Los Angeles letter to San Diego dated 10/30/56.  
San Diego letter to Bureau dated 11/8/56.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

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Midwest Organizer for the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, appeared either on the radio or on T-V on the University of Oklahoma Educational Program in connection with his trip to Oklahoma in which he championed the cause of Morton Sobell and the Rosenbergs.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

DATE: December 18, 1956

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-16408)

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL  
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[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available one copy of a circular entitled, "The Sobell Case in Pictures". This circular discusses the availability of film strips concerning the SOBELL case, which can be ordered from the Sobell Committee, 940 Broadway, New York 10, New York. b7D

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The following items are enclosed for the New York Division:

1. [REDACTED] b7D
2. One circular entitled, "The Sobell Case in Pictures".

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Attached hereto are Photostats of the following items  
furnished [REDACTED] to SA ROBERT E. KENT, **67D**

1. A letter bearing the mimeographed signature of EMILY  
ALMAN on the stationary of the COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL

2. The November 1956 issue of the "Morton Sobell  
Prisoner on Our Conscience" newspaper

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On 12/3/56 [REDACTED] made available to the writer on a confidential basis the bank records concerning the above captioned account located at the Amalgamated Bank, 11-15 Union Square, NYC. 67D

A review of the records for the month of November 1956 reflected the following items considered pertinent:

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Endorser or Bank of Deposit</u>
	11/19/56	LEON SOBEL Trust	\$11.88	Chemical Corn Exchange

The balance of this account as of 11/30/56 was \$20.80.

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THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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Morton Sobell  
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In addition to appearing on the educational radio program of the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Oklahoma, where he, HAVEN PERKINS, was interviewed by a professor of Political Science,

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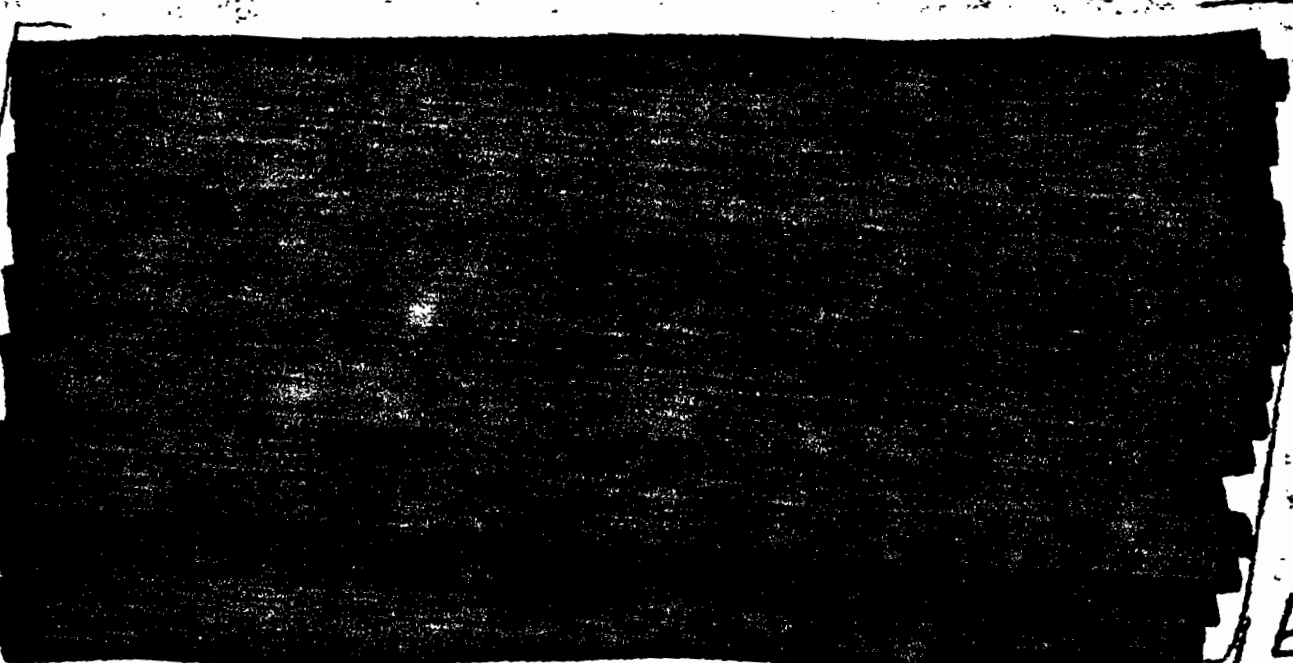
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II. ORIGIN

**[REDACTED]** b2  
Informant advised on May 22, 1956, that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, which was formerly known as the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and was sometimes referred to as the Los Angeles Rosenberg-Sobell Committee, adopted its present name, Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, also known as the Los Angeles Sobell Committee, about August, 1954. The avowed purpose of this committee is to have MORTON SOBELL transferred from Alcatraz Prison, to secure him a new trial and to eventually secure his complete release.

Both the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case and the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell were, from their inception, dominated and controlled by the LACCP through the assignment of CP members to work on the committees and to direct the activities of the committees. In March, 1955 critical discussion by CP members was that the Los Angeles Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell should be reactivated and revitalized in a more aggressive way than it was in the past, and that its activities should be expanded in terms of securing maximum mobilization of forces to secure SOBELL's transfer from Alcatraz Prison and a new trial for him.

There is an active youth committee organized by forces from the Labor Youth League (LYL) working on the SOBELL issue which is known as the Youth Committee for Morton Sobell or slight variations thereof and which is sponsored by the parent committee.

The LYL has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

III. SCOPE

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Informant advised [REDACTED] that IRMA (WIDGE) NEWMAN was a member of the American Youth for Democracy (AYD) from 1943 to 1945 while attending New York University in New York City.

AYD has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Informant advised [REDACTED] that DAN MARSHALL was a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Re ANNE KELLER, nee Anne Berenholz,  
with aliases Ann Berenholts, Mrs.  
Frederick Paul Keller, Jr., Chine  
Berenholz, Ann Berenholtz, Ann  
Putterman, Ann Berenholz, Ann Keller

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Information made available by this informant on  
February 28, 1955, indicated that ANN BERENHOLTZ was a member  
of the CP as 

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The CEDC has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Informant advised on November 29, 1950, that EVELYN BURKETT was at that time executive secretary of the Music Division of the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council.

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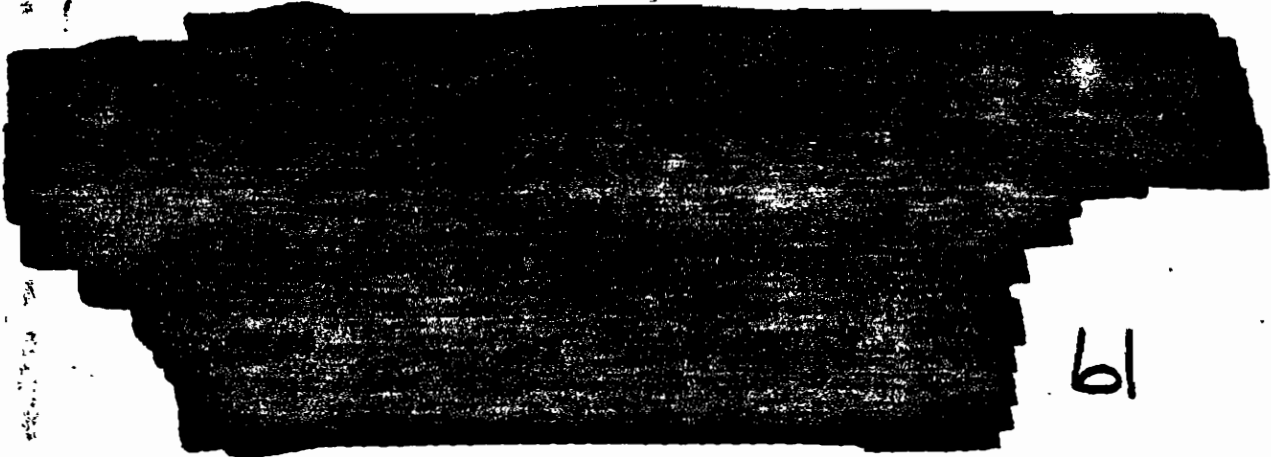
Informant advised on April 19, 1945, that ALICE HAGGERTY was [REDACTED] a member [REDACTED] LACCP, [REDACTED]

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V. MEMBERSHIP

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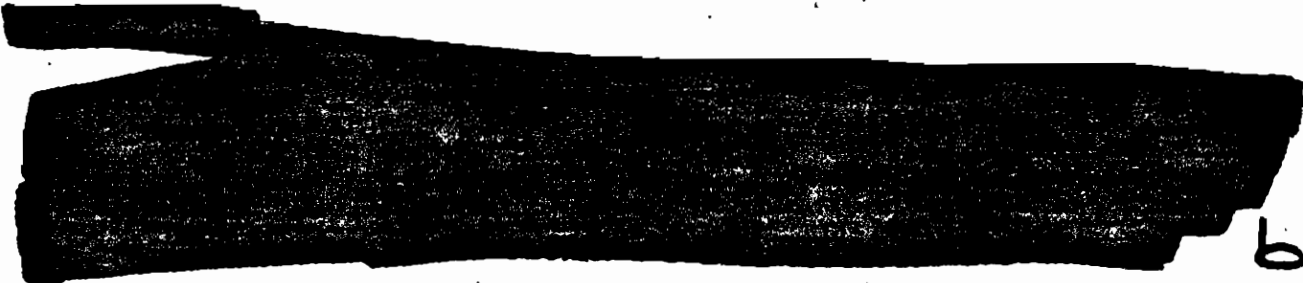
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Informant advised on December 11, 1956, that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell as of that date maintained a checking account at the Western and Beverly Branch of the Security-First National Bank, Los Angeles, California. The informant advised the bank balance of this organization as of December 11, 1956, was \$60.32 and reported the end of month balances for the indicated months as follows:

September, 1956	\$24.52
October, 1956	248.71
November, 1956	262.46

Information from this source must not be made public except in a usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

VII. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES



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Informant made available on November 20, 1956, a newspaper printed in New York by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 940 Broadway, New York City, dated November, 1956, entitled "MORTON SOBELL, Prisoner On Our Conscience," and subtitled, "A Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of MORTON SOBELL." This four-page newspaper stated that based upon new evidence, the SOBELL case was being taken before the United States Court of Appeals. The new evidence was reported to be as follows:

"1. The prosecutors, in order to make SOBELL appear guilty, knowingly used perjured testimony to give the false impression of SOBELL as a fugitive; also that the prosecutors suppressed evidence that could have helped SOBELL establish his innocence.

"2. That the prosecutors participated in the illegal kidnapping of SOBELL from Mexico; that this kidnapping violated Mexican and international law, and therefore, the U. S. Federal Court lacked the sovereign power to try SOBELL."

This newspaper also names a number of notables who were asking for justice for SOBELL. It stated that SOBELL's "confession" was held the price of his release from Alcatraz; that United States Senator LANGER had hit prosecution tactics; that Dr. LUIS SANCHEZ PONTON, Professor of Law at the University of Mexico, had become one of SOBELL's attorneys; and that the reader should contact the Sobell Committee nearest him to contribute to help pay for legal fees, legal printings, legal expenses, the exhaustive legal investigations taking place on the case, and also to make possible the publication and circulation of the truth in the case through booklets, newspaper ads, purchase of air time and all other available means.

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On May 11, 1956, informant made available a pamphlet put out by the LASC, 468 North Western Avenue, Los Angeles. The pamphlet urged the reader to write to Senator THOMAS C. HENNINGS in Washington, D. C. to investigate the SOBELL case.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS' GUILD

The Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, Report on the National Lawyers' Guild, House Report No. 3123, dated September 21, 1950, cited the National Lawyers' Guild as a Communist front which "is the foremost legal bulwerk of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions" and which "since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents."

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HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 4, 1956 that until January 3, 1956, the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council was the Southern California Chapter of the National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions in New York City and consistently followed the program and policies of the parent organization. On January 3, 1956 the Hollywood Arts, Sciences and Professions Council officially dissolved by action of its executive committee and vote of its membership.

The National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions has been cited as a "Communist front" by the United States Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities in House Report No. 1954 dated April 26, 1950.

APPENDIX

DOWNTOWN CLUB

An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 31, 1955 that the Downtown Club is a former Independent Progressive Party Club which became an autonomous organization during the Spring of 1955 after the Independent Progressive Party had lost its place on the ballot. Its principal activity is to sponsor a weekly forum which frequently features Communist Party members, and it follows the program set up by the Independent Progressive Party.

The Independent Progressive Party has been described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report, page 41 as follows: "Among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination."

ENCLOSURES:

TO THE BUREAU:

Two (2) photostatic copies of November, 1956 newspaper entitled, 'MORTON SOBELL, Prisoner On Our Conscience.'

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A copy of this report has been designated for the San Diego Office for information purposes since it has been indicated that there is a close alliance between the San Diego Sobell Committee and the LASC.

A copy has been designated for the San Francisco Office since the report contains information concerning a subject who resides in the San Francisco area.

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LOS ANGELES:

AT LOS ANGELES, CALIF.:

Will continue to follow and report the activities of the LASC.

INFORMANTS

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T-symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	W. J. PANTTAJA	Orally
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	J. F. RUSSELL	[REDACTED] b1

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T-9                      [REDACTED]                      ALBERT N. CARLBLOM                      [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE

Report of SA WILLIAM J. PANTTAJA, 5/4/56, at  
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TO : SAC, Salt Lake City (100-8937)

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"12/9/56

"A meeting of the Utah Council for Constitutional Liberties was held on Dec. 6th, 1956 at the Civic Center at 666 East South Temple St. Salt Lake City, from 7:00 to 10:00 P.M. This was a dinner meeting sponsored by the Legal Redress Committee for the purpose of raising money for the Morton Sobell Defense Fund.

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"Dinner was served and then the meeting commenced. This business portion of the meeting was conducted by Marcus Parr, Chairman of the Council. Its purpose was to take up discussion of the attached blue rider listing the purposes and objectives of the organization. There was not a great deal of discussion on this item, and most of the discussion fell to quibbling between Mr. Curtis and Mr. Parr over the wording of this paper. It was finally passed unanimously as the program of the Council for the time being and the working out of the projects and their handling was left to the Executive Committee.

"The meeting then turned to Mr. Di Santi's report on the financial success of the meeting. The Council took in some 106.00 with their expenses amounting to about 35.00. The ultimate net profit will be split 75% for the Sobell Committee and 25% for the U.C.C.L.

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"The business portion of the meeting was called to order by Marcus Parr. He passed out copies of the proposed program for the UCCL and called for a general discussion. What followed was not very spirited, most of the people in perfect agreement. Joe Dunne expressed the idea that it was a pretty big program for such a small organization and Joe Curtis began getting involved in which words should be used. Other than that, there was no argument to the program. When Joe Curtis began quibbling over the proper wording, Marcus publicly ridiculed him for this.

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"Joe Dunne made the motion that the organization adopt the program as it stood, and the motion carried with not one dissenting vote. Then it was mentioned that the regular business meeting of the council may be held as usual, on the third Friday of the month, in spite of the fact that this date, the 21st, is a little close to Christmas. A few people thought the date might be inconvenient, but no one wanted to do anything definite about it, so the matter was left hanging in the air. Committees will probably be meeting a great deal between now and the time of any future meeting, though. The meeting formally broke up around 10:00 pm.,

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[REDACTED] also furnished two copies of a one-page mimeographed "Proposed Program for UCCL", dated 12/6/56

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The National Guardian Readers Club of Bridgeport, Connecticut, held a dinner and bazaar Saturday, December 8, 1956, at the home of ALICE and GILBERT WIDA, 35 Robert Street, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The dinner was a fabulous affair with many different dishes being served. The menu was spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed cabbage, baked beans, Vienna sausage, salads, pies, cakes, etc.

The bazaar table was equally impressive with items from knickknacks, jewelry, fancy aprons, desk pen sets, potted plants, fireplace lamps, portable bars, and many other items.

During the dinner ESTHER BAILLIN had EDITH BONA read a letter she received from PAULA MAC LEECH, who is now in Trinidad, Cuba. b7D

After the dinner, JOSEPHINE WILLARD read a letter she had received from the "Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms." This organization's headquarters is located at 4276 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles 4, California. This letter told of a coming convention to be held in Washington, D. C., sometime in March of 1957. The convention will be designed to invite all active organizations to fight to keep any more money from being appropriated for the Un-American Activities Committee. JOSEPHINE WILLARD thought that if we started on this project now, come Marc we might be able to send a carload to the convention from the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area.

After JOSEPHINE WILLARD finished speaking, she gave all the correspondence to CARL BENTLEY, Chairman of the Action Committee of the National Guardian Readers Club at Bridgeport, Connecticut. [REDACTED]

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The guest speaker was TED JACOBS of the SOBELL Committee from New York City. He was introduced by LOIS BARNES.

TED JACOBS showed a film strip on the SOBELL case. While showing the strip, he narrated from a mimeographed slip explaining the different scenes. The title of the film strip was "Was Justice Done?"

The film strip showed the Bill of Rights, SOBELL as a boy with his parents and sister, as a brilliant student, a picture of a classmate whose name [REDACTED] does not recall, and SOBELL as a scientist. b7D

[REDACTED] said that the film strip was a fairly good one. **b7D**

After showing the strip, many questions were asked. Some went like this: How is SOBELL doing in prison? Is there a possibility for a new trial?, etc. The answers to these questions went like this: SOBELL is doing very well. The briefs that the defense is drawing up ought to almost guarantee a new trial.

TED JACOBS told those in attendance how the authorities at Alcatraz consented to let MARK SOBELL see his father for the first time at the prison. He told how HELEN SOBELL (MORTON SOBELL's wife) was uneasy because the authorities did not inform MORTON SOBELL that his son was coming to see him. HELEN SOBELL's uneasiness was short lived, as MORTON SOBELL and his son, MARK SOBELL, spoke freely by phone while seeing each other through a thick glass window. MARK SOBELL even asked his father questions relating to the new train set he has.

After TED JACOBS's touching story, the group went to the Bazaar table to purchase many items.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NY (100-107111) 7-2

DATE: 1/7/57

FROM : SA ALESIO SAVIOLA

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE to SECURE JUSTICE  
for MORTON SOBELL  
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Attached hereto for above captioned file is a photostat of an article by LAURENT B. FRANTZ entitled "Justice Was Not Done." The article, which deals with ROSENBERG - SOBELL case, appeared on pages 16, 17 and 18 of the January 1957 issue of "The American Socialist."

[REDACTED] (use T symbol - has furnished reliable information in the past), on 10/19/56, advised that "The American Socialist is a monthly magazine published by the Socialist Union of America for sale and distribution to the general public. 67D

The Socialist Union of America is document in SAC let 56-41 page 17 and in the office library.

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...in more than  
...a tribunal will  
...ing to believe him. Doubtless, a  
...or something  
...reasonably like to it is often provided in this way, but the  
...process is only capable, even under optimum condi-  
...tions, of being very rough. That is not so. Given an  
...impression of fact which is not more than likely to  
...do so.

**T**HE question is whether, during the Cold War years,  
something like this had also been happening to us.  
Three or four books, one dealing with atomic espionage  
generally and the other two specifically with the Rosenbergs,  
of which I have read the first, Mr. Reuben's *The Atomic Spy*, has in-  
vestigated all the alleged incidents of atomic espionage from  
the Canadian trials to the Rosenbergs. His conclusion  
is, his title indicates, that the whole thing was a hoax,  
that the atomic spies were manufactured illusions, created to  
bolster Cold War policies of intimidation and bluff. He has  
made a case for this, rather more than he would have supposed  
possible, in the attempt to demonstrate. Proving the  
negatives proposition, that something or other does not  
exist, is a most difficult task. It becomes wholly impractical,  
if not impossible, when the proof must exhaust the possi-  
bilities of an area, large parts of which remain uncharted in  
fact.

The attempt to bridge this unbridgeable gap is made  
through the argument that the Senate never existed. It  
never existed, it is *not* possible, it is not possible, ever  
any danger that anyone would. The spy was, Mr.  
Reuben maintains, a proportion of the spy. Just as one  
is that a public knowledge cannot be monopolized since  
any nation with an advanced technology can duplicate  
the discoveries made in any other nation. It is vain to  
hoard secrets. The second is that the scientific knowledge  
underlying the bomb was known to the international com-  
munity long before the war started. It is not  
fellowship of the kind that they had no atomic spies. We  
have never had any monopoly of the basic scientific know-  
ledge and engineering know-how and all plans. It is still  
conceivable that countries having that basic knowledge  
might send spies to steal any latest designs in these fields.  
Something of importance, however, does follow from Mr.  
Reuben's demonstration. This is that, whatever the actual  
notion as to how significant atomic espionage might be,  
it there is any, that the Rosenbergs' conviction in the  
public mind, a judge, a jury, a man, in sentencing the Rosenbergs  
to death, did cover the theory that they had delivered  
the Russians the atomic bomb and, in so doing, had  
changed the course of history, and that the Korean war  
it seems clear that Reuben's notion of espionage, atomic  
espionage, is a myth. Atomic espionage, if it exists, deals  
not with one man, one act, but with many, many men, and is  
hardly capable of such neat, intricate, tight, intricate  
to note that the conviction that a good many scientists  
must have conspired in the Rosenbergs' conviction of guilt,  
were they apt to do it, in a false premise, and that  
scientists must have conspired that it would be an un-  
fractionable, their story, if they were apt to do it, then  
tion to the fact.

**M**ore important  
...the practice that in instance  
...the procedure have been generally in the head-  
...lines of a very inadequate foundation of facts. Later, these  
...foundations have frequently collapsed, and their col-  
...lapses have had the effect of having been buried in small  
...items on the inside pages whose significance the casual  
...reader would not probably miss. It is the original impression,  
based on an insufficiently checked, that sinks into the  
...public mind and remains there. It is thus clear that myth-  
...making forces, whatever the nature, are working in this field.  
...The same thing is true only in a very general sense, but it is  
...not clear that it is a generally proved fact with considerable  
...accuracy.

Mr. Wasley is a dramatist who attended the Rosenbergs  
trials with the intention of writing a play. He became  
so fascinated with them that he wrote a detailed critique and  
rehabilitation of the prosecution's case. But all that he has  
written, not to appear in *many* *times*, is a book which  
only a playwright could have written. It has a playwright's  
eye for the peculiarities and innovation of the principal  
characters. It has a dramatist's gift for turning incidents and  
re-arrangement of space into a living, certain, dramatic  
shape. He writes of the Rosenbergs as though they were  
the victims of an inescapable force, and the story is the  
working out of their forces toward an inevitable end. The  
execution scene, in all its employed, is a dramatic finale.  
All this has much in common with good theatrical tragedy,  
and it is a pity that *The Atomic Spy*, like *The Atomic*,  
is not a literary work, but a study in the art of  
argument. It is a study in the art of argument, and it is a  
study in the art of argument, and it is a study in the art of  
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argument.

Indeed, there was considerable need for this, at least  
in the United States, since the book is one of the longest  
and most important studies that has ever been published on  
this subject. It is a study in the art of argument, and it is a  
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**T**HIS aspect of the book is both an strength and its  
weakness. It is its strength, because it is an important  
to a cyclical alternative hypothesis as to what might have  
happened, but such hypotheses may easily be overlooked  
without a readiness to engage in a imaginative reconstruction  
of what is possible. Because of the extreme enthusiasm  
has led him to push his conclusions further than his evi-  
dence allows. It is a study in the art of argument, and it is a  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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New York City, NY  
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ReNYairtel to Bureau, 11/16/56.

Investigation NY reflects mailbox servicing Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC, is labelled "Sobell Committee."

Information in the NYO reflects that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, aka Sobell Committee, subject of NYO file 100-107111, Bufile 100-387835, maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, NYC.

In view of the above, NY file 105-22197 will be consolidated into NY file 100-107111. Instant case being closed as no further investigation is contemplated.

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TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

DATE: JAN 7 1957

FROM : SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF

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SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE TO  
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MOREON SOBELL  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
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*Comm to secure  
justice for Sobell  
in Rosenberg Case*

The following one and one-half page handwritten  
report was received from [redacted] by U. S. mail, 12-17-56.  
The original is filed in [redacted] 67D

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"Dec. 15, 1956.

"Meeting of the Sobell Committee was held tonight  
at the home of Mr\_ & Mrs. Perkins.

"Started approx\_ 8:30 PM adjourned approx. 10:10 PM.

"Coffee and cake served after meeting.

"19 people attended.

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St Louis for info.  
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- 1 - Oklahoma City (info) (R.M.)
- 1 - Salt Lake City (info) (R.M.)
- 1 - New York City (info) (R.M.)

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"Mrs Perkins opened meeting then Mr Perkins gave his report. Following:

"Made very good progress in certain areas in Denver and Norman, Okla.

"In Norman, Okla he conducted two classes at Oklahoma University. Made a 15 minutes tape recording with political science professor which was later broadcasted on the University radio station.

"In Denver a organization is being formed to carry on work for Sobell. A certain Dean Roberts, a Episcopal minister, gave Perkins a very good reception. A quote from Dean Roberts, 'A person isn't a Christian unless he is in some kind of trouble.'

"A certain lawyer by the name of Graham (in Denver) is trying to secure two people to take over the Sobell Committee in Denver. He already has one man, looking for a second.

"Perkins only told about the good reception, he casually mentioned that a few people weren't very receptive.

"Perkins also made some contacts at Brigham Young University.

[REDACTED]

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"The student from Washington U. announced that W.U. is trying to have a panel discussion in January and Author Sharp is suppose to be on the panel.

"Erv Glicker made the collection. The amount collected wasn't announced [REDACTED] b7d

"Perkins, on his trip, used the systems of recommendation in contacting new prospects. Another words instead a contacting a person on his own, he trys to have someone else to call or write a letter of introduction. He said this system is very effective.

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"Perkins sold or loaned over 40 copies of the book  
by Mr\_ Sharp.

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On 12-17-56, [REDACTED] advised that SHARP  
referred to in the report is MALCOLM SHARP who is author  
of "Was Justice Done?" b7D

[REDACTED] advised that HAVEN PERKINS is a  
paid organizer of the National Sobell Committee;  
that his wife, CLARA PERKINS, is Chairman of the St. Louis  
Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the  
ROSENBERG Case. b7D

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TO: SAC CASPER

DATE: 1/7/57

FROM: SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY (100-12522)

RE: NATIONAL GUARDIAN  
WEEKLY GUARDIAN ASSOCIATES, INC.  
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Meeting: National Guardian Readers Club  
Place: Home of LOUISE ZITO, 835 Broad St., Bridgeport, Conn.  
Date: 10/26/56  
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Furnished to: SA JAMES J. MC CARTHY  
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The National Guardian Readers Club of Bridgeport, Conn., held a meeting on 10/26/56 at the home of LOUISE ZITO, 835 Broad St., Bridgeport, Connecticut. At this meeting the following individuals were in attendance:

cc: [redacted] **b7D** cc: 100-16408 (Committee to  
Secure Justice for MORTON  
SOBELL)  
100-16528 (HCUA)  
New York (cc: 100-107111,  
Comm. to Secure Justice for  
MORTON SOBELL) (RM)

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The meeting decided to have a SOBELL dinner sometime in December 1956 in Bridgeport, Conn., and to establish a committee to handle the dinner.

No place was found to hold the dinner as of the time of the meeting. An attempt will be made to get a speaker from New York City for the meeting.

The meeting also decided to have a mailing committee. LOIS BARNES stated that she had been in contact with members of the SOBELL Committee in New York City and was told that they had had a response from people in the Bridgeport area to literature sent out by the local committee asking for support for the New York committee.

[REDACTED]

JOSEPH BARNES, Chairman of the Program Committee, announced that the next meeting of the National Guardian Readers Club would be held toward the end of November 1956 and would be on general topics such as the election and the political situation as it stood at that time. The meeting set up a committee of six members of the National Guardian Readers Club who were to aid the thirteen people who were subpoenaed as witnesses at the HCUA hearings held in New Haven during the week of 9/24/56. The committee was to be primarily interested in getting the people reinstated in jobs and particularly in a change in the General Electric policy of suspending people who take the Fifth Amendment before Congressional Committees.

The committee was to try to do the following things:

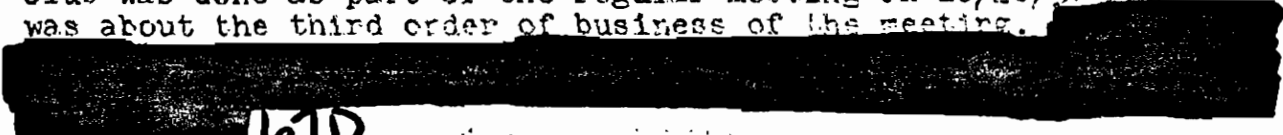
1. To get people to write to their Congressmen to refuse to vote funds for the HCUA.
2. To try to get local Bridgeport leaders to come out in support of the thirteen people who took the Fifth Amendment.
3. To raise money for the propaganda campaign in behalf of the above thirteen people and against the HCUA itself.

The committee of six was to try to enlist people in the (National Guardian) movement through the contact the campaign gave them with the general public.

The committee consisted of the following:

JOSEPHINE WILLARD, Chairman  
ALICE WIDA  
LOIS BARNES  
JOSEPH BARNES  
MARGARET ALLEN  
GIL STRUNK

The designation of the above committee of six members of the club was done as part of the regular meeting on 10/26/56 and was about the third order of business of the meeting.



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It is to be noted that JOHN LAUTNER was formerly Chairman of the New York State CP Review Commission in January 1950 and has served as a witness for the U. S. Government in many Smith Act trials including United States vs. ELIZABETH GURLEY FLANN, ET AL.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - C</b>	<i>Comm to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell</i> <b>* 100-107111</b>

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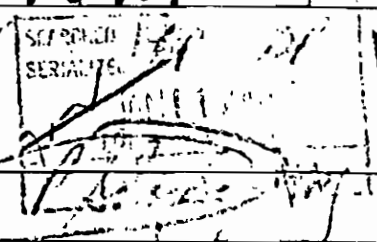
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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN  
THE ROSENBERG CASE (NCSJRC)

The NCSJRC maintains national headquarters in Room D, 940 Broadway, New York City, and the mailbox servicing this office is labelled "Sobell Committee."

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[REDACTED] advised in January 1952 that the NCSJRC was formed on January 2, 1952, for the purpose of obtaining a new trial for the ROSENBERGS. b7D

A Confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 9, 1956, that the NCSJRC was attempting to keep alive the Rosenberg case and to fight for the release of MORTON SOBELL. He stated that the Communist Party took an extremely active part in assisting the committee.

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The Confidential Informant furnishing the documentation for the NCSJRC is identified as [REDACTED]

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A copy of this report has been designated for the New York Office for information, as that office is origin in the case of the NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELLE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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Confidential Informant [REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [REDACTED] that the Communist Party directs the activities of the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. [REDACTED] advised that the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case continues to maintain a national b7D

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office at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City, and continues to be fairly active in major cities throughout the United States. According to [redacted] the committee objectives are to free Sobell and to continue protesting the innocence of the Rosenbergs. **b7D**

[redacted] previously identified, [redacted] advised that the Communist Party continued active interest in the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg case and was attempting to secure the transfer of Morton Sobell from the United States Penitentiary, Alcatraz, California, to the east coast. **b7D**

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DATE: JAN 9 1957

TO : SAC  
FROM : SA EDWARD H. GALL  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL GUARDIAN  
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Group: Dinner and Bazaar sponsored by  
National Guardian Readers Club  
Date: 12/8/56  
Place: 35 Robert Street, Bridgeport, Conn.  
Information From: [REDACTED] b7D  
Information To: SA EDWARD H. GALL  
Date Received: [REDACTED]  
Location: [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] who has furnished reliable information in the past,  
advised he was present at the above affair and noted the  
following persons in attendance: b7D

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1-Committee to  
Secure Justice  
for MORTON SOBELL

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to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL)

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[REDACTED] advised that the purpose of this dinner and bazaar was to raise funds for the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell. b7D

At this affair, JOSEPHINE WILLARD said that she had written to the "Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms" in California regarding their plans on how to outlaw the House Committee on Un-American Activities. She said that they propose that people from different parts of America organize delegates to be sent to Washington, D. C., in March, 1957. The purpose of this delegation will be to try and prevent the appropriation of funds for the House Committee on Un-American Activities. She suggested that the Action Committee of the National Guardian Readers Club have a meeting soon to organize a delegation to be sent to Washington and also write a letter to the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedom advising them of their plans.

TED JACOBS, [REDACTED] b7D showed a film entitled "Was Justice Done." This film was from the Committee to Secure Justice For Morton Sobell and was about MORTON SOBELL. It showed pictures of SOBELL's life, being sent to Alcatraz, how Judge Kaufman refused to review his case, etc. The film was pictures of SOBELL's family, Alcatraz, Gold, Greenglass, Mexico, etc.

JACOBS told the group that this film could be rented at a reasonable rate and asked if anyone present knew of any other groups that might be interested in seeing the film.

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SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

1/16/57

SAC, ALBANY (100-14188)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL

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(OO: NEWARK)

There are enclosed for Newark and New York one copy each of the November 1956 issue of a newspaper entitled, "MORTON SOBELL, Prisoner on Our Conscience," which is described as, "A Newspaper to Secure Justice in the Case of Morton Sobell, Published by the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell."

The above copies were obtained by [redacted] (protect by T symbol), who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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[redacted] (Documentation of is contained in the report of SA GEORGE P. SIMPSON [redacted])

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In the report being prepared by this office, the details of the enclosed newspaper will not be reported inasmuch as they may have been reported previously either by Newark or New York.

New York and Newark are requested to advise whether or not copies of this newspaper are available through other sources and whether or not Albany should submit copies in the event they are obtained in the future.

New York is also requested to send to Newark one copy of the report of SA GEORGE P. SIMPSON at Albany, [redacted] in the event this has not been done.

[redacted]

- cc: 2-Newark (100-36202) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1-New York (100-107111) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3-Albany (100-14188) (100-13260)

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111) (#7-2)      DATE: 1/21/57

FROM : SA RICHARD F. BATES

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE POSENBERG CASE, aka  
IS-C; WA-1950

Source: [REDACTED] b7D

Reliability: Who has furnished reliable information in the past

Information Furnished: Circular letter dated November, 1956, from Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, bearing printed signature of EMILY ALMAN.

Date Received: [REDACTED] b7D

Received By: SA RICHARD F. BATES

Location: [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] made available the above-described letter which was discarded on 12/8/56 from the apartment jointly occupied by ANNA ROCHESTER and GRACE HUTCHINS, 85 Bedford Street, NYC. b7D

This letter notes that the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell had published a newspaper about the latest developments in the SOBELL case and planned to distribute 500,000 copies of it. The letter also asked for contributions to this committee and bears the printed signature of EMILY ALMAN "For the Committee."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has advised

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised 1-18-57 that HAVEN and CLARA PERKINS are local active CP members. b7D

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)  
 FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised [redacted]

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MacLEOD was formerly identified by Security Informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, as a member of the Professional Section of the Communist Party, SLMO. He was one of the lawyers retained as counsel by one of the St. Louis Smith Act defendants in the early stage of the trial. It is also noted MacLEOD refused to testify before the HCUA hearings held in St. Louis in June, 1956. b7D

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1-22-57

SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
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Following item personally received by writer [redacted]  
from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the  
past [redacted] b7D

1 page leaflet "Legal Status of Sobell's Case"  
reflecting issuance by "St. Louis Sobell Committee,  
3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis 10, Missouri - Elv. P.  
Perkins, Field Representative", [redacted] b7D

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"OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY HAS RADIO INTERVIEW WITH PERKINS  
ON SOBELL CASE

"Five classes in three Colleges Devote an Hour to Sobell

"This is a brief report of my 4000 mile trip to Kansas  
City, Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs, Colo.,  
Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah, Oklahoma City, Norman  
and Tulsa, Oklahoma and Springfield, Mo. It is being  
sent to those who helped me, and to a few other  
interested individuals.

"A number of people in Denver and Salt Lake took  
responsibility for continuing Sobell activity,

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- 1 - Salt Lake City (info) (R.M.)

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*Received from H.P. from St. Louis  
see info 1/25*

talking to people, getting them to read Professor Malcolm Sharp's book, giving them literature and collecting money. Some of this will also be done at Colorado U. (Boulder) and Oklahoma U. (Norman). I spoke to afternoon and evening groups at Colorado College in Colorado Springs (both faculty and students) to a faculty group at Oklahoma U., to a forum in Provo, and to the Channing Club of the Unitarian Church in Salt Lake City.

"I sold 34 copies of Professor Sharp's book, and many libraries (public and university) ordered it. I gave one away, lent a couple and left some on consignment.

"Perhaps my most interesting interview was with a prominent clergyman. (He helped me in several ways, and said he would take up the Sobell case in a discussion group he conducts.) He said to me, "I know very little about the case. I was opposed to the death penalty. For joining with several other people in a letter to the papers appealing for clemency, I received abusive phone calls from crackpots, and was referred to as 'the red Dean' in the newspapers. In an atmosphere in which I can be called 'the red Dean', it would be impossible to have a fair trial."

"At a large university I was discussing the Sobell case with two members of the political science department. They called in a third professor and made me repeat the story. They thought the students ought to hear it, and the third man had the largest class. But he was in a jam. He had missed two sessions. "If we devote tomorrow's class to Sobell, we'll have to skip Grotius." So later he decided "Okay, we'll skip Grotius." Next day I taught two classes combined into one. At Westminster College in Salt Lake I taught a political science class, and at Oklahoma U. a political science class and a sociology class. The students were very exciting. They had lots of questions, and were completely open minded. Some of them were still discussing the case with me fifteen or twenty minutes after the official end of the class. There was obvious interest in the literature.

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"Oklahoma U. has a powerful radio station and a full program of educational broadcasts. A professor who has a fifteen minute program every week decided to devote one to the Sobell case. He interviewed me, asking no questions, and making some (very good) comments of his own.

"The response to my trip shows how open minded people are now about the Sobell case. It is very easy to underestimate the readiness of people to listen to Sobell's side of the case.

"Haven P. Perkins, St. Louis Committee for Martin Sobell, 3715 LaSalle Street, St. Louis 10, Missouri."



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726)

DATE:

JAN 23, 1957

FROM: SA CARL R. O'CONNOR

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka IS - C

Reproduction one page typewritten report received by mail by writer [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past: b7D

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"December 15, 1956;

"St. Louis Sobell Committee held a meeting at HAVEN & CLARA PERKIN's home 3715 LaSalle St., Saturday evening 8:00 P.M. December 15, 1956. It was a welcome home for HAVEN PERKIN's, who arrived at noon December 15, 1956, after visiting Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Denver, Colorado Spring, Salt Lake City, Provo and Boulder Colorado. This trip was partly sponsored by the National Sobell committee. At 8:20 P.M. CLARA asked HAVEN to give his report of his trip. HAVEN PERKIN's Quote: As you all know my main purpose of the trip is to familiarize the people concerning the release of MORTON SOBELL. In some instances I received a great response, on others I was given a cold shoulder.

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"The trip was a success, I left with 40 books by (SHARP) In Utah I had to write for 10 more. I had a great response at the Oklahoma University in Norman Oklahoma. They have a radio station, I was given 15 minutes time on the air. The talk was recorded. I also spoke to two classes at the University, after the talks I noticed the students were very interested in the Sobell case.

"In Denver Colorado I was in contact with DEAN ROBERT, of the Episcopalian Cathedral, a very large body. The Dean stated he did not know much about the Rosenberg case, however he opposed the death sentence. For voicing his opinion the Dean was called a red. The Dean stated that the government was wrong in executing the Rosenberg's.

"At Provo I had the opportunity to speak to the students at Brigham Young University. I also spoke to students at Boulder Colorado University. There was great enthusiasm among the students at the universities. I also spoke at a Unitarian Church at Salt Lake City. The Civil Liberty Union is also working hard to have SOBELL released from prison. I believed it would be a good idea to write to TED JACOBS of the Sobell Committee in New York and Purchase a recording of my radio talk at Oklahoma University.

"I believe on the next trip, there will be quit a few organizations formed to help SOBELL. end of quote: HAVEN PERKIN's.

"PERKIN's stated that the great problem before the committee is finances. ERB KLICKEr made a collection speech. it was never announced how much was collected.

"GENE a young gentleman stated he received a letter from SHARP. SHARP is to be at the Washington University. The date is not set, however he is to be in St. Louis between January 7-16.

"CLARA PERKINS read a letter received from New York. The letter criticized Judge Kaufman in the way of handling the Sobell case.

"17 people were present.

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"Mr. PERKINS is returning this week from a five weeks trip for the Sobell Committee which has taken him to Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, Provo, Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Oklahoma City.

"MORTON SOBELL was allowed to have a visit from his son, MARK, recently. This is the first time that a child has been permitted to visit in Alcatraz.

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"Briefs appealing from Judge KAUFMAN's denial of a hearing on the new evidence were filed in the Appeals Court in New York on December 5.

[REDACTED]



DIRECTOR, FBI. (100-387835)

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SAC, NEW YORK. (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
FOR MORTON SOBELL, aka:  
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Reference report of SA PHILIP H. SHERIDAN, dated 6/20/56,  
captioned as above.

A report in this matter is currently in the process of  
preparation and will be submitted to reach the Bureau prior to  
February 15, 1957.

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SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-41648)

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SA ALBERT M. CARLBLOM

LOS ANGELES SOBELL COMMITTEE  
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For the information of the New York Office, advised SA WILLIAM JOHN NOLAN on 10/13/55 that the Downtown Club is a former Independent Progressive Party club which became an autonomous organization during the spring of 1955 after the Independent Progressive Party had lost its place on the ballot. Its principal activity is to sponsor weekly forums which frequently feature CP members and it follows the program set up by the Independent Progressive Party. b7D

The Independent Progressive Party has been described by the California Committee on Un-American Activities in its 1948 report as being "among typical mass organizations that are victims of Communist domination." b7D

The announcement is filed at [redacted] b7D

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

Read by: *Am*

cc: New York (REGISTERED) (100-107111 - Sobell Committee)



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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, ST. LOUIS (100-11726) DATE:  
FROM : SA CARL R. O'CONNOR  
SUBJECT: NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
JUSTICE IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka  
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JAN 25 1957

Reproduction two-page typewritten report received by mail by writer [redacted] from [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past: b7D

"Sobell Committee Meeting

"TIME: 8 P. M.

PLACE: 3715 LaSalle

Date: December 15, 1956

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*Received from St. Louis for info 2/14, per [redacted]*

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The Meeting was a welcome home for Haven Perkins who had been away organizing Sobell Committees for several weeks. He gave the group a short talk on his trip. He talked of Oklahoma U. at Norman, Okla first. He got an introduction there and was interviewed by a professor over the university radio station for 15 minutes. He also met some of the youth who are members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. He expects to draw results from this group. He was also allowed to teach two classes. In Okla City his only contact was the editor of the Negro paper. That gentleman promised to help if Haven returned to that city at a later date. He also has contacted in Tulsa to be followed up.

"The next big stop was Denver. He contacted a minister of the Episcopal Cathedral named Roberst who was a big help. However, his most effective work was at Colorado University. He claims that this is the most liberal University in the country because a form Communist Professor won his fight to remain on the Faculty. The next stop was Salt Lake City. There is a professor there who wrote a review of Malcolm Sharp's book 'WAS JUSTICE DONE?' This professor had given Haven Perkins a letter of introduction to other Universities. Haven said that it important to have such an introduction. A contact was also made in a Unitarian Church either in Denver or Salt Lake City.

"Malcolm Sharp's book was used plus a lot of literature on the Sobell Case during the trip.

"The success in the Universities was the strong part of the trip. The weak side was financial. The trip put Haven in the red \$34.

"A few questions were asked and the hat was passed around. About \$12. was collected.

"Gene, the Washington U. Student from Washington U. announced that the Student Senate group of the University

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expects to bring Malcolm Sharp here for a panel discussion between January 6th-19th. Exact date not known. Panel to include two profs - one from political science and one from Sociology and the head of the Civil Rights Organization. Panel to be held in Washington U. auditorium.

"Clara Mae passed out copies of remarks made by Dr. Harold Urey at a dinner in N. Y. Sept. 12, 1956. She also had a pamphlet of poems by Helen Sobell for \$1. no one bought any.

"There were refreshments served after the brief meeting. There was not too much enthusiasm over the whole affair."

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1 page document "Remarks By Dr. Harold Urey, Atomic Scientist and Nobel Prize Winner, at a Dinner in New York City, Sept. 12th, 1956" reflecting reproduced by S.L. Committee for Morton Sobell, 3715 LaSalle St., SL 10, Mo. [REDACTED]

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Announcement filed [REDACTED] reflecting following info: b7C

"WELCOME HOME FOR

HAVEN PERKINS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 8:00 P.M.

3715 LaSalle Street

Light refreshments"

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"Mr. Perkins is returning this week from a five weeks trip for the Sobell Committee which has taken him to Kansas City, Denver, Salt Lake City, Provo, Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Oklahoma City.

"Morton Sobell was allowed to have a visit from his son, Mark, recently. This is the first time that a child has been permitted to visit in Alcatraz.

"Briefs appealing from Judge Kaufman's denial of a hearing on the new evidence were filed in the Appeals Court in New York on December 5.

"ST. LOUIS SOBELL COMMITTEE"

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-387835)

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FROM: SAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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CINAL

On 1/25/57 a trash cover maintained on residence of SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Rd., Silver Spring, Maryland, made available to SA PAUL E. MORRISON an envelope addressed to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, postmarked NYC, 1/12/57, and bearing return address Room D, 940 Broadway, NY 10, NY. This envelope contained a typewritten letter dated 1/12/57 on letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL," carried the salutation "Dear SYLVIA" and is signed "TED."

This letter, maintained [redacted] in part is as follows:

"I'm writing at this time to discuss a particular project with respect to our court action. First--to bring you up to date.

"We are now waiting for the date when oral argument will be set before the Appeals Court--probably early in February. Also, we are trying, if at all possible, to have Dr. PONTON, the Mexican expert on international law, come to New York from Mexico to argue before the court. We also want to have one or more prominent Mexicans come as observers.

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"TED" noted above, presumably who was identified by the "Daily Worker" 10/20/54, page 3, columns 1-3, in article "Committee Harassed by Gov't. with Pho" as the public relations director of the Committee.

Attached to each Bureau copy thumbnail, approved for utilization in reports, of the D. C. Chapter of which includes a thumbnail on the national informants supplying info included in as follows:

**D. C. Chapters:**

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**National Organizations:**

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"We in NY will of course be able to attend the court session. But we feel it is extremely important that people from out of town also be able to attend, to get a picture of what is happening, what's involved, and to be able to bring this back to their respective cities.

"Would it be possible for Washington to send a representative to the oral argument? Perhaps an important attorney you would want to come, perhaps a clergyman, perhaps someone like BYRON SCOTT, the former Congressman. Or at a minimum, a representative of the Washington committee, who could then report back. If we have enough people from out of town, we will hold a meeting-conference after the court session.

"The problem of not knowing the date yet hampers us, but we'll advise you as soon as we hear. Meanwhile, we thought that you might be able to explore the possibilities.

"Of course, we will need plenty more money in the next weeks to carry out our legal plans, so we hope you'll be able to follow through with additional funds."

WFO knows SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a leader in the D. C. Chapter of subject organization. BERNSTEIN was identified [REDACTED] as a current member of the CP. [REDACTED] b7D

BYRON SCOTT is apparently identical to BYRON H. SCOTT. [REDACTED]

The Bureau points out this individual was a former member of House of Representatives from 1935 to 1939 from State of California and is now an attorney residing in WDC with offices in the Wyatt Building; he was Counsel for WILLIAM HENRY TAYLOR in his hearing before the Loyalty Review Board in 1955. b7C

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*(W. J. Freeman)*

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*J.H. [Signature]*

*10/11/55*

OKLAHOMA UNIVERSITY HAS RADIO INTERVIEW WITH PERKINS ON SOBELL CASE

Five classes in three Colleges Devote an Hour to Sobell

This is a brief report of my 4000 mile trip to Kansas City, Denver, Boulder and Colorado Springs, Colo., Salt Lake City and Provo, Utah, Oklahoma City, Norman and Tulsa, Oklahoma and Springfield, Mo. It is being sent to those who helped me, and to a few other interested individuals.

A number of people in Denver and Salt Lake took responsibility for continuing Sobell activity, talking to people, getting them to read Professor Malcolm Sharp's book, giving them literature and collecting money. Some of this will also be done at Colorado U. (Boulder) and Oklahoma U. (Norman). I spoke to afternoon and evening groups at Colorado College in Colorado Springs (both faculty and students) to a faculty group at Oklahoma U., to a forum in Provo, and to the Channing Club of the Unitarian Church in Salt Lake City.

I sold 34 copies of Professor Sharp's book, and many libraries (public and university) ordered it. I gave one away, lent a couple and left some on consignment.

Perhaps my most interesting interview was with a prominent clergyman. (He helped me in several ways, and said he would take up the Sobell case in a discussion group he conducts.) He said to me, "I know very little about the case. I was opposed to the death penalty. For joining with several other people in a letter to the papers appealing for clemency, I received abusive phone calls from crackpots, and was referred to as 'the red Dean' in the newspapers. In an atmosphere in which I can be called 'the red Dean', it would be impossible to have a fair trial."

At a large university I was discussing the Sobell case with two members of the political science department. They called in a third professor and made me repeat the story. They thought the students ought to hear it, and the third man had the largest class. But he was in a jam. He had missed two sessions. "If we devote tomorrow's class to Sobell, we'll have to skip Grotius." So later he decided "Okay, we'll skip Grotius." Next day I taught two classes combined into one. At Westminster College in Salt Lake I taught a political science class, and at Oklahoma U. a political science class and a sociology class. The students were very exciting. They had lots of questions, and were completely open minded. Some of them were still discussing the case with me fifteen or twenty minutes after the official end of the class. There was obvious interest in the literature.

Oklahoma U. has a powerful radio station and a full program of educational broadcasts. A professor who has a fifteen minute program every week decided to devote one to the Sobell case. He interviewed me, asking me questions, and making some (very good) comments of his own.

The response to my trip shows how open minded people are now about the Sobell case. It is very easy to underestimate the readiness of people to listen to Sobell's side of the case.

Haven P. Perkins, St. Louis Committee for Morton Sobell, 3715 LaSalle Street  
St. Louis 30, Missouri

Sheldon [Signature]

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## LEGAL STATUS OF SOBELL'S CASE

Oral Arguments before Appeals Court Probably in Early February

Sobell Brief Charges that Prosecution Wilfully Deceived the Appeals Court

When Judge Kaufman denied the motion for a hearing on the new evidence, he claimed that the prosecution had not meant what it said when it spoke of Sobell as having been deported from Mexico, this being just a loose way of saying that he was expelled or forcibly ejected.

Sobell's lawyers are now pointing out to the Appeals Court that in order to make this claim Kaufman has to ignore the findings of the Appeals Court in the earlier appeals. The Appeals Court found that the prosecution did in fact claim that Sobell had been legally deported from Mexico.

Sobell's attorneys are pointing out that the prosecution perpetrated a fraud upon the Appeals Court in leading it to think that Sobell had been deported.

The appeal establishes the fact that the prosecution had been notified by the Mexican Government long before the Sobell trial that it did not consent to or participate in Sobell's removal. It points out that an FBI agent named Lewis who was present when the Mexican consulate notified Laredo officials that Sobell had not been deported, sat at the counsel table throughout the trial while prosecutors Irving Saypol and Roy Cohn assured judge and jury that Sobell had been legally deported.

The brief emphasizes that Sobell himself had no way of being suspicious of, much less proving, these illegalities until years after his conviction.

It quotes Chief Justice Warren on the Pittsburgh Smith Act case. The Chief Justice said that the prosecution had "poisoned the water in this reservoir, and the reservoir cannot be cleaned without first draining it of all impurity..."

St. Louis Sobell Committee, 8718 LaSalle Street, St. Louis 10, Missouri  
Havon P. Perkins, Field representative

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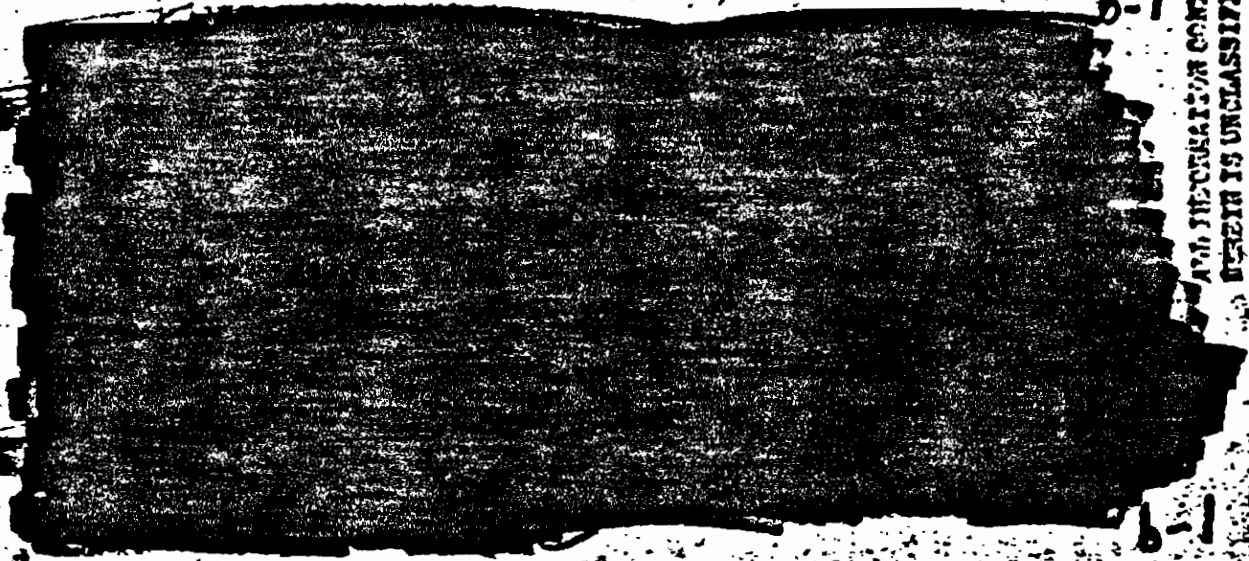
FROM : *WAB* SAC, DENVER (100-7877)

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SUBJECT: ST. LOUIS COMMITTEE VIA  
SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Re Office Memorandum dated January 7, 1957, from SA WALTER A. HILGENDORF to SAC, St. Louis

On January 14, 1957, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished SA CHARLES L. TIGNOR with two mimeographed leaflets entitled "Legal Status of Sobell's Case," and "Oklahoma University Has Radio Interview with Perkins on Sobell Case." Photostats of each are attached for all offices receiving this communication, the originals of which are being maintained in Denver file 100-7877-1A1.



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that the Utah Council For Constitutional Liberties (UCFCL) was organized at the specific instruction of ARTHUR BARY, Regional Director of the Communist Party of Denver Colorado, to help fight Smith Act prosecutions. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the majority of leaders and members of the UCFCL are known to [REDACTED] as being members of the Communist Party of the State of Utah.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
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On 2/5/57 trash cover maintained on residence of SYLVIA  
BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland,  
made available to SA PAUL E. MORRISON a mimeographed,  
undated, unsigned letter on stationery containing  
letterhead "Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL,  
940 Broadway, New York 10, New York." This letter maintained  
WFO 100-25474-1B3 (19). This letter in part is as follows:

"Our committee has received many inquiries during the past  
few days concerning the impact of the new conspiracy to commit  
espionage arrests in New York on the current Appeals of  
MORTON SOBELL. People have been quick to point out that the  
timing of the current arrests and the accompanying 'spy'  
headlines coincide with the raising of MORTON SOBELL'S strong  
new motions before the Appeals Court.

"Already the ROSENBERG-SOBELL case has been mentioned in  
the papers in connection with the arrests in several ways.  
The stories have said that this is the first major espionage  
case since the ROSENBERG-SOBELL trial, and that the prosecution  
may seek the death penalty for those arrested under the so-  
called "ROSENBERG law", which provides the punishment of  
death for peacetime espionage. The newspapers have also  
pointed out that JACK and MYRA SOBELL, two of those now under  
arrest, are not related to MORTON SOBELL. In addition, the  
son of the SOBELL couple was quoted in the New York Times as  
expressing his certainty of his parents' innocence, but  
fearing that they could meet the same fate as the ROSENBERGS,  
who, the son said, are still believed by many people to have  
been innocent.

*P.H. Shuler 100-107111-2306*

"Thus, we can see that the new case is one which bears  
watching very closely for any attempts to obscure the  
affirmation of innocence by MORTON SOBELL and the ROSENBERGS.

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"While we do not know the accused persons in the recent arrests, traditional American standards of fairness dictate that they shall be presumed innocent unless proved guilty. We hope, as do the vast majority of citizens, that they will be afforded a fair and impartial trial. The New York Times, on January 29th, while not mentioning this case, wrote editorially that: 'It has long been evident that defendants, especially in criminal proceedings, needed further protection against prejudicial public statements made by lawyers--and particularly by prosecutors--while their cases were pending in the courts or before they came to trial.'"

"The coincidence of these arrests with our going to the Appeals Court is similar to the public hearings involving HARRY GOLD and DAVID GREENGLASS held last May just as our motions were filed in the District court. You may recall that the Appeals Court, referring to the ROSENBERG-SOBELL trial itself, condemned unscrupulous publicity tactics by the prosecution as 'reprehensible.'"

This letter points out the following project would be conducted in connection with subject organization:

1. The dinner and meeting to be addressed by U.S. Senator William Langer in Los Angeles on Feb. 22.
2. The gathering of new signatures on the appeal to President EISENHOWER for SOBELL'S freedom or a new trial. The signatures will be made public by MRS. SOBELL at the meeting at which Senator LANGER will speak.
3. Showing of a new film strip on the case throughout the country.
4. Mailings of the tabloid newspaper on the case and other important information pieces.
5. Continuing efforts to see important community leaders with the facts, including the books by JOHN WEXLEY and Professor MALCOLM SHARP.
6. Field trips by SOBELL committee representatives.
7. Meetings, luncheons, and parties to make the facts known and raise funds to carry on the legal and public appeals.
8. Mailings to newspapers, columnists and commentators.

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This letter also points out the following:

"We have had some inquiries during the past week referring to the SOBELL Committee being on "the subversive list."

"We wish to point out that our committee is not, and has never been, on the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

"Last week Congressman WALTER issued a House Un-American Activities Committee list of organizations which he deems to be "Communist fronts". He included the ROSENBERG-SOBELL committees, in complete disregard of the truth."

It is to be noted that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case and its local affiliates were cited as Communist front organizations by HCUA in its report of August 25, 1956. This citation published in "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" released by HCUA on January 2, 1957. This HCUA Booklet states that the National Committee to Secure Justice in the ROSENBERG case was reconstituted as the National ROSENBERG-SOBELL Committee at a conference in Chicago in October, 1953, and "Then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for MORTON SOBELL in the ROSENBERG case."

Regarding SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, mentioned above, it is to be noted that [redacted] former [redacted] continue to protect [redacted] on February [redacted] identified SYLVIA BERNSTEIN as a current CP member. [redacted] has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Mr. Louis B. Nichols  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lou:

I notice that in the last few days an awful lot of "material" has come to my desk from the Morton Sobell crowd -- copies of briefs, petitions, "newspaper" issues, etc.

I assume that you are getting it all. But on the bare chance that you are not, I wanted you to know it is available here in our files now.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



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NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE  
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ReBulet 1-28-57.

Enclosed herewith are amended pages 3, 4, and 5  
to the report of SA J. HALE McMENAMIN dated 1-9-57 at Denver  
captioned "St. Louis Committee to Secure Justice for Morton  
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Copies of this report in the Denver office have  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM, UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-51729) DATE: 2/11/57

FROM: SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM

SUBJECT: DOWNTOWN CLUB  
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Reference is made to memorandum of SA ALBERT N. CARLBLOM dated 1/18/57 captioned as above, a copy of which was routed to files receiving a copy of this memorandum.


This memorandum is being prepared to reflect that the written report concerned with the referenced memorandum is filed as [redacted] and not [redacted] as was previously indicated. b-7-D

All necessary action in connection with this memo has been taken by the writer.

cc: [redacted] b-7-D

1 - NEW YORK (REGISTERED)  
(100-107111 SOBELL COMMITTEE)

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BAC, LOS ANGELES

2/11/57

BAC, WFO (100-25474)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE  
IN THE ROSENBERG CASE, aka.  
IS-C; ISA of 1950.  
OO: NY

On 1/12/57, a trash cover maintained on the residence at 9340  
Harvey Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, made available to SA PAUL E. MORRISON  
an empty envelope postmarked Los Angeles 23, California, 1/3/57. This envelope  
was addressed in ink to SYLVIA BERNSTEIN, 9340 Harvey Road, Silver Spring,  
Md., and bore the return address "Los Angeles Sobell Committee, 468 N.  
Western Ave., L.A. 4, Calif."

This envelope is maintained in WF 100-25474-1B3(20).

It is to be noted that [redacted] former [redacted]  
(deemed expedient to continue to protect) on 2/26/53, identified SYLVIA  
BERNSTEIN as a current CP member. [redacted] has furnished reliable information  
in the past.

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The above is being supplied to your office for information.

- 2 - Los Angeles (RM)
  - 1 - New York (100-107111)(Info)(RM)
  - 2 - WFO
  - 1 - [redacted]
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SAC, NEWARK (100-36202)

2/12/57

SAC, NEW YORK (100-107111)

COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR  
MORTON SOBELL  
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(OO: New York)

Re Albany letter to Newark dated 1/16/57.

Attached herewith is one copy of the report of  
SA GEORGE P. SIMPSON, dated 9/29/56, at Albany, captioned  
as above.

For the information of the Albany Office, the New  
York Office is Office of Origin in this matter and the re-  
port of SA ROBERT S. REA, dated 1/18/57, at Albany has been  
corrected to reflect this. In regard to the newspaper issued  
in November, 1956, entitled, "Morton Sobell, Prisoner on Our  
Conscience," the national headquarters of the CSJMS, stated  
that they planned to issue this paper at frequent intervals.  
Copies of the November, 1956, issue have been furnished  
to the NYO but no knowledge has been secured of subsequent  
issues either being planned or distributed. Additional copies  
of the November, 1956, issued are not currently needed in  
the NYO.

Enclosure: One (1) report of SA GEORGE P.  
SIMPSON, dated 9/29/56, at Albany.

2 - Newark (100-36202) (ENCL. - 1) (RM)  
1 - Albany (100-14188) (CSJMS) (RM)  
1 - New York (100-107111)

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